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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Japanese Office Action (including an English language translation thereof) that was mailed on July 29, 2008, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-266979, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 8-163408 A;
- (2) JP 63-234937 A;
- (3) JP 9-251532 A;
- (4) JP 8-107512 A;
- (5) JP 2002-44425 A
- (6) JP 9-275496 A;

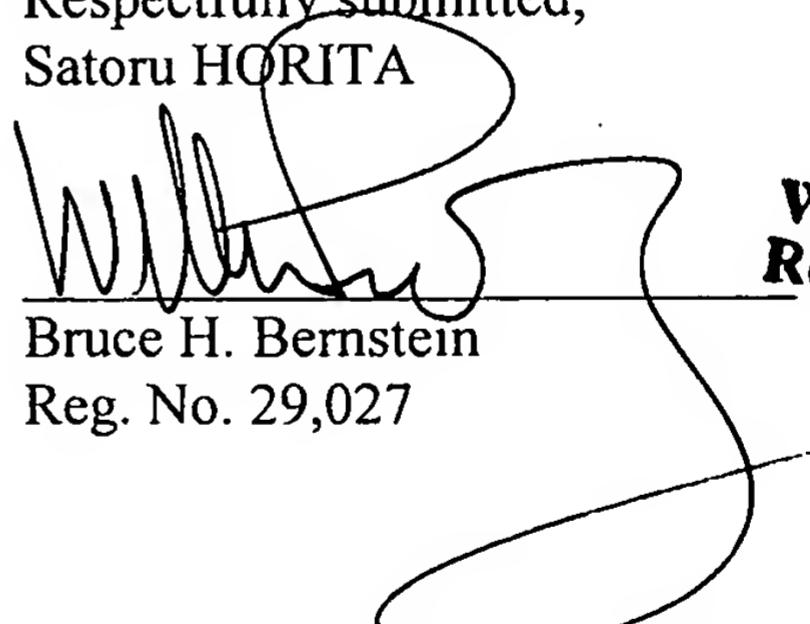
- (7) JP 5-7314 A; and
- (8) JP 11-298847 A.

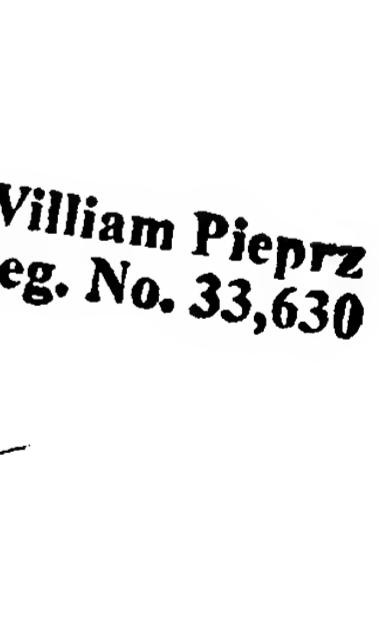
The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action, an English-language translation of which is enclosed.

Applicant notes that all of the above-noted documents were previously cited (and copies and abstracts and/or translations have been provided in the present application) in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on August 12, 2008, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicant notes that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these materials, as they were already considered. Nevertheless the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the same again together with the Japanese Examiner's comments with respect thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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